

# *Village of North Chevy Chase Newsletter*

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## **Village of North Chevy Chase**

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## **Village Council:**

Chairman Adrian Andreassi

Vice-Chairman Bruce Cohen

Treasurer Ambrose Liao

Secretary Jim Grissom

Member Lawrence Hirsh

Fire Board Representatives:

Ed Asher, (vacant), and Anne Fox

**Next Village Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 8 PM, in the Youth Lounge, NCC Christian Church.**

### ***Agenda Highlights:***

- Permit for construction of a fence at 3706 Stewart Driveway
- FY2009 Budget
- Tax Rate for FY2009
- Nominating Committee
- Village Sign and Seal Report

***Village Permits:*** Village permits are required for additions or alterations to existing structures and new construction as well as for the replacement or erection of fences. Please refer to the Village regulations for details and contact the Village Office (301-654-7084) with any questions. Permit forms are available from the Village office or on the Village website.

***BULK TRASH PICKUP:*** The next Bulk trash pick up will be **Saturday, June 21st.**

***Annual Meeting:*** The Annual Meeting of the Village is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6th** at the Youth Lounge, North Chevy Chase Christian Church at 8:00 PM. The Annual Meeting will be preceded by a short business meeting at 7:30 PM.

***Nominating Committee:*** The Village has appointed a Nominating Committee of Anne Cantrel, Ingrid Dallaire and Mana McNeill. Three seats on the Village Council and one seat on the Fire Board will expire this year. There will be two vacancies on the Council. Any qualified Village voter interested in serving or recommending someone to serve on the Council may contact a member of the Committee.

***Village Elections:*** Village residents who are eligible to vote in Montgomery County elections are automatically

eligible to vote in Village elections. Voters who have registered with the County need not re-register to vote in the Village election. However, residents who have not registered will need to show proof of residence to vote.

Absentee ballots are available by calling the Village Office by April 22nd.

***Budget for 2008-2009:*** The Village Council is in the process of finalizing the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2009. Copies of the proposed budget are attached. Please e-mail ([nccvm@comcast.net](mailto:nccvm@comcast.net)) the Village Manager or talk with any of the Council Members if you have budget items to consider. The Village Property Tax and Personal Property Tax rates will also be discussed.

***MVA on Wheels:*** The MVA mobile office will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center between 10 AM and 2 PM on the following dates during the first half of 2008.

Apr. 21    May - no service    June 30

***A FINAL REMINDER: REMEMBER TO WRITE THE VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE in the BOX MARKED City, town or taxing area on your Maryland Income Tax form. This will insure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Village.***

***Ground Cover Available:*** Vinca minor (myrtle) and pachysandra evergreen ground cover transplants are yours for the asking! Ed and Ann Leonard are tidying up their garden borders and will give you rooted plants (and advice for transplanting) if you call them at 301-656-5639 to reserve your share

during the week following receipt of this newsletter.

***COMMUNITY ALERT from B-CC RESCUE SQUAD:*** The Montgomery County Executive has included an ambulance fee in the County's upcoming Budget. If approved by the County Council, residents will be charged \$300 to \$800 for calling 9-1-1 for an ambulance. This is a problem for the following reasons:

- Residents may be discouraged from calling 9-1-1
- Residents already pay a Fire Tax that funds 95% of the fire/rescue budget
- Many ambulances are staffed by professionally trained **volunteers** who serve for free
- Many residents, even those with insurance, will have to pay all or part of the fee out of their own pocket because of co-pays, hassles with insurance companies or the difficulty of proving that they are poor or uninsured.
- User fees may lead to increased health insurance rates.
- The administrative costs to County government were estimated to be \$2 million per year in 2004 - the last time these fees were proposed (and defeated).
- Ambulance service is an essential public service, not just another source of revenue.

Please call or email the Montgomery County Council to express your opposition to the ambulance fee proposal. For more information, to view a sample letter, or to sign up for free email alerts, visit [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org).

**Our County Council Representatives  
are:**

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